

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Locally-owned media outlets should be encouraged. Looser rules allow individuals to take over merely by being bigger; we should rather require them to be better, as is the case among truly local news agencies, for example. Syndication is sufficient to disseminate national shows and topics. Please help preserve the unique voices of our local communities. They are in danger of being lost among giants.